

NORTH CAROLINA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY MINUTES  
AUGUST 12, 2004 MEETING  
MONROE, NORTH CAROLINA

Chairman Lyndo Tippettt called the meeting to order at 9:30am at the Monroe City Hall in Monroe, North Carolina. The North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA) Board members introduced themselves. Chairman Tippettt introduced Jane Strickland who will be serving as secretary to the Board. Chairman Tippettt read the Governor's ethics statement. All Board members were present.

Chairman Tippettt welcomed everyone and thanked the sponsors and Board of Transportation Member Larry Helms for inviting the Board to Monroe. Chairman Tippettt asked that any people present who wanted to speak to the Board concerning the Monroe Connector to please sign the roster.

Perry Safran made a motion to approve to recommend approval of the July 8, 2004 minutes, which was seconded by Robb Teer. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Tippettt made a motion that the September NCTA meeting be cancelled. Allan Dameron seconded the motion. The next scheduled meeting will be in October. The November meeting, which will be held in Raleigh, will be a public input meeting.

Chairman Tippettt called for Committee reports:

Board member Bob Spencer stated that the Finance Committee did not meet this month; therefore, there was no report to submit.

Board member Allan Dameron stated that the Personnel Committee did meet but there was no report to make.

Board Member John Culbertson reported that the Plans and Programs Committee met all day Wednesday, August 11. Three general engineering consultant candidates, PBS&J, Parsons Brinckerhoff, and HTNB, made presentations to the Board, to come on board as staff. He stated that choosing one group would be a very difficult decision. Mr. Culbertson explained that as a part of the selection process, each group would be provided a list of questions to answer and will be given 7 days to submit. Once submitted, staff will review the information, go into arbitration, and committee members will request references. Mr. Culbertson added that he felt that any of the groups would do a fine job.

Chairman Tippettt announced that Board members Robb Teer and Bob Spencer would be attending the IBTTA Meeting in Philadelphia, PA Sept. 18 through Sept. 22, and added that Board member John Culbertson will attend as well. Chairman Tippettt indicated that he wanted representation from each NCTA committee because he believes the meeting will be beneficial to all members. Chairman Tippettt encouraged members to attend if their schedule will allow.

Chairman Tippet asked if there was additional business to be raised and there was not.

Chairman Tippet asked John Culbertson to head up the public input session.

The Board received public input on a candidate toll project, the Monroe Connector following a welcome by Judy Davis, Mayor of Monroe, remarks by Chairman Tippet, and a project overview by Larry Helms.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Chris Plate', City of Monroe  
Mike Shalati, Union County Manager  
Kevin Gullette, Anson County Economic Development Corporation  
Judy Davis, Mayor of Monroe  
John Witherspoon, Wadesboro Town Manager  
Denise Whitley, Mayor of Marshville  
Sandy Moore, Mayor of Indian Trail  
Lucy Drake, Mayor of Stallings  
Kevin Pressley, Mayor of Hemby Bridge – in absentia through Lucy Drake

Chairman Tippet called a break at 10:39am. The meeting was called back to order at 10:54am.

Public input resumed with the following speakers:

Richard Stone, Union County Board of Commissioners  
Frank Carpenter, Union County Chamber of Commerce Member  
Bob Smith, Monroe City Council Member  
John McKay, President, South Piedmont Community College  
Jim Carpenter, President, Union County Chamber of Commerce  
Representative Pryor Gibson

All speakers supported the Monroe Connector project. Chairman Tippet noted that the Monroe Connector project received 100 percent community support.

Chairman Tippet thanked Jim Carpenter, the Union County Chamber of Commerce, and the Richard McGee family for hosting the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13am.

Minutes prepared by: Jane Strickland